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GENEALOGY.

Families of Lower Norfolk and Princess Anne Counties.

GOOKIN FAMILY.

Capt. John Gookin, non-conformist, came to Virginia at a very early period, as the records of Lower Norfolk county prove; he was the second husband of Sarah Offley, the widow of Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Thorougood; she afterwards married Francis Yeardley, a leader of the Cromwellian party in Virginia, and son of Governor Sir George Yeardley. Capt. John Gookin is supposed to have been the brother of Daniel Gookin who fled from Virginia in 1644, and settled at Roxbury near Boston, Mass., no doubt finding there a class of people more to his mind. John Gookin was member of the Grand Assembly for Lower Norfolk county, 16th January, 1639; he died November 2, 1643, leaving a daughter, Mary Gookin, the wife of Wm. Moseley 2nd; she afterwards married Colonel Anthony Lawson.

Recorded 30th Mar., 1694. "To all, &c., John Moseley, of Lin Haven, in Princess Anne county, Va., greeting: whereas Mr. John Gooking, late of Lower Norfolk county, dec'd, had gr'td him by Patent, 12th Oct., 1641, 640 ac. Ld. &c., whc. desc. to his only daughter and heir, Mary, now wife of Lt. Col. Anthony Lawson and mother of mee the sd. John Moseley, and sd. father-in-law and mother by deed of gift did give sd. ld. to my bro., William Moseley, and to mee to be div., &c., sells part of his half to kinsman Edward Moseley, Jr., of Linhaven," &c.

"Commission from Sir William Berkeley, Knt., Governor and Captain General of Virginia, dated June 16 (no year), appointing as the Commissioners for keeping monthly courts in Low'r Norffolk, vizt: John Gookin, Esq., Commander, Capt. John Sibley, Mr. Edward Windham, Mr. Henry Woodhouse, Mr. William Julian, Mr. Henry Seawell, Mr. ffrancis Mason, Mr. Henry Catching."

The above is entered on a loose sheet in the earliest volume of the Lower Norfolk Court Records and without date; probably marks the earliest board of Commissioners for the county of which any record remains. It will be noticed that Francis Mason is not yet a Lieutenant, as the records show him him to have been in 1638, or only one year after the records commence.

On the only tomb readable at Church Point, Princess Anne county, Va., we find the following inscription:

"Here lyeth ye body of Capt. John Gooking, & also ye body of Mrs. Sarah Yardley, who was wife to Capt. Adam Thoroughgood first, Capt. John Gooking & Collonell Francis Yardley, who deceased August, 1657."

GOOKIN LINE.

Captain John Gookin=Sarah Offley.
Mary Gookin=William Moseley, 2d.
Colonel Edward Moseley=Mrs. Bartholomew Taylor.
Hillary Moseley=Hannah.
Colonel Ed. Hack Moseley=Mary Bassett.
Mary Moseley=Anthony Walke, 2d.
William Walke=Mary Calvert.

CALVERT FAMILY.

Arms of Calvert in Virginia—Sa. an inescutchon within an orb of owls argent.

Crest—A horned owl argent.

The Calvert family, represented first in Virginia by Cornelius Calvert, of Princess Anne county, is from Lancaster, England. The arms of the family, as borne by Cornelius Calvert, are the same as the arms of the family of Calverly, and the similarity of arms and names leaves no doubt as to the similarity of origin. This family of Calverly is descended from Alphonsius Gospatrick, Lord of Calverly, whose daughter, Lardiana, married John Scott, a Scotch gent. of note, who came to England in the suite of Lady Maud when that Princess married Henry 1st of England. The arms of Scott were assumed and borne by their descendants, though the name of Calverly was adopted. This name by corruption became Calvert at a subsequent period, and the family of Virginia Calverts is a branch.

This is copied from the family records of Richard Taylor, Esq., Norfolk, Va.

CORNELIUS CALVERT, 1ST.

He was justice of Norfolk county from July 18, 1729, to January 17, 1729–30. He was member of the Common Council of Norfolk Borough, and July 7, 1741, was appointed member of a committee to "form a Law" to prevent "all Persons being Servants or Slaves from Purchasing any Rum or Spirituous Liquors under Two Gallons." June 24, 1747, Mr. George Abyron and Mr. Nathaniel Portlock were appointed Common Council men in the room of Captain Cornelius Calvert, deceased, and Mr. Peter Dale, resigned.

Cornelius Calvert married Mary Saunders, 29th of July, 1719, in Princess Anne county, Va. Their children were:

1st. Jonathan Calvert, born 23rd Sept., 1720 (father to the first Mrs. King, Barry King's grandmother).

2nd. Maximillian Calvert, born 29th Oct., 1722 (father to Mary Calvert who married James Marsden).